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HONORS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
Southern California Man Dedicates His Life to Helping Others

SACRAMENTO - The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is featuring Pat Myles, a long time volunteer from Southern California.

"Through his work Pat has seen the difference a volunteer can make in a person's life," Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said. "He has dedicated himself to impacting as many people in his community as he can from seniors to children to military families."

For the past seven years, Pat has been an active volunteer with the California Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees); an organization dedicated to building leadership skills through community service. Pat currently serves as the president of the Universal City-North Hollywood (UCNH) Jaycee chapter.

Under his leadership, the Jaycees have participated in several different community service projects. Most recently, his chapter began a program called "Apples of Hope," a program to recognize and thank families with military personnel stationed overseas during the war in Iraq. Joining in a partnership with California Basket Company, the UCNH sent several volunteers to dip apples into caramel and chocolate. They then wrapped the apples in a bow, attached a special message of thanks and took the apples to their local military family relief organizations.

Pat has also led several other efforts in his community. He has organized and led community clean-ups, back-to-school shopping for children in need, delivering gifts to children in need on Christmas Eve, and visiting with seniors at retirement homes throughout Southern California. He is also a long time after school tutor with the Pasadena School District.

The GO SERV *Spotlight* is a weekly recognition program, honoring community service organizations or individuals involved in community service. To view the full *Spotlight* story, please visit the GO SERV website at www.goserv.ca.gov. *Spotlight* nomination forms, as well as other volunteer opportunities, are also available on GO SERV's website.